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SOUTHEAST ASIA ACTIVITY REPORT

SELECTED TRANSPORTATION AND INFILTRATION COMPENDIUM

NORTH VIETNAM/CHINA ROAD NETWORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in southeast Asia as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. Those lines of communication and associated facilities which support communist insurgency in Laos and South Vietnam are emphasized.

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC unless otherwise indicated.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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North Vietnam/China Road Network Under Construction

Construction is nearing completion on the North Vietnam/China Road Network which will connect the road and rail systems in southern China with the Hon Gai/Hai Phong area of North Vietnam. Final grading of North Vietnam Route 415 has been extended to the China border since [REDACTED] and continuous road construction is now discernible in China to the limit of photographic coverage (see maps and photos on pages 3, 4, and 5). Although segments of Route 415 remain limited to a single-lane capability, the entire network of newly constructed roads in North Vietnam is serviceable from the China border to the junction with Route 18, 6 nm west of Hon Gai.

Nine bridges have been completed along that segment of Route 13B included in the network since its construction status was reported last [REDACTED] (compare Figure 4 with Figure 12, Summary No. 62). All road segments under construction at that time have also been completed (compare Figure 6 with Figure 16, Summary No. 62). Although a new POL drum storage area was identified on photography of [REDACTED] (Figure 5), most of the construction support facilities along this route appear abandoned.

South from Route 13B, the network utilizes newly constructed segments of Routes 184, 183 and 1805, and the new Route 1830. All of this road construction -- including bridges -- has been recently completed. The alignment is presented on page 9 and Figures 7 through 14 depict selected segments of the new roads.

A further expansion of the network is currently underway and will provide an east-west alternate to Route 18 into the Ha Noi area. The previously existing serviceable segments of Route 183 between the junction with Route 184 (Figure 11) and 21-06-[REDACTED] 106-35-[REDACTED] are being widened and improved with connecting segments under construction. Intermittent road construction continues west from Route 183, paralleling Route 18, to 21-08-[REDACTED] 106-29-[REDACTED].

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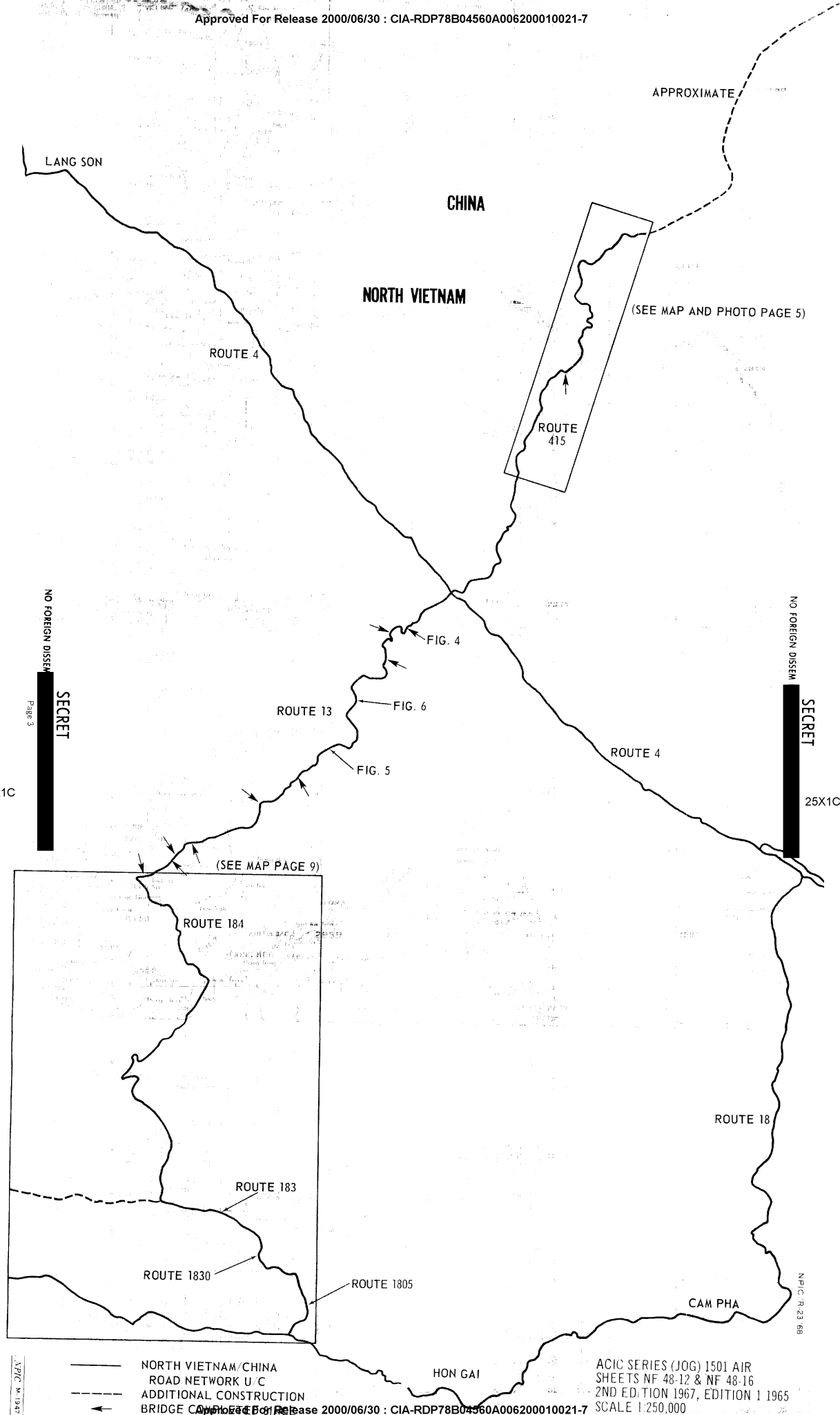
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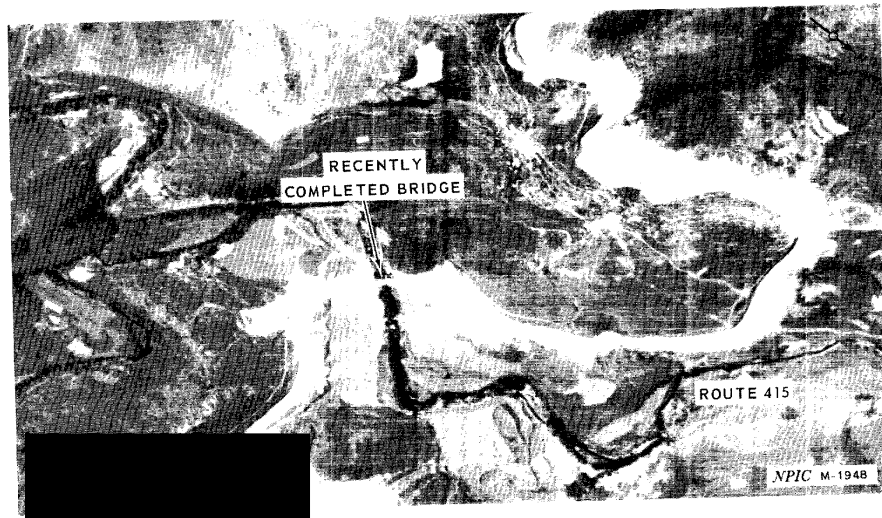
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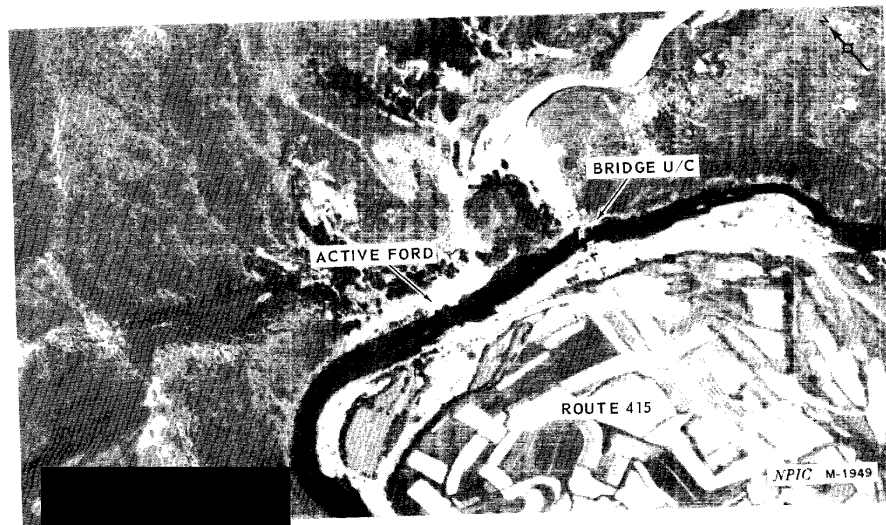
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FIGURE 1. NORTH VIETNAM/CHINA ROAD NETWORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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FIGURE 2. NORTH VIETNAM/CHINA ROAD NETWORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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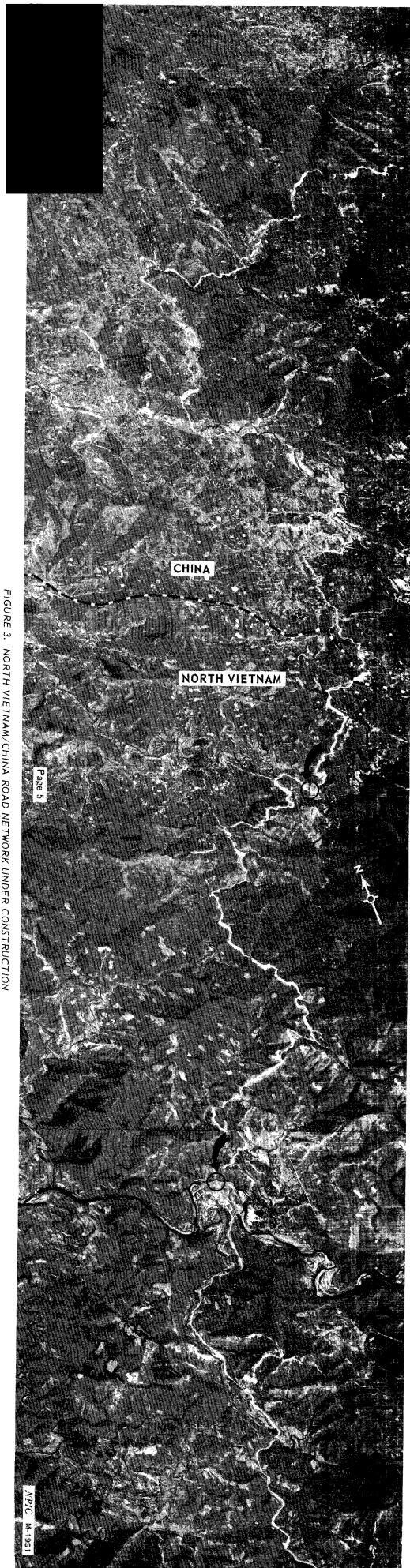
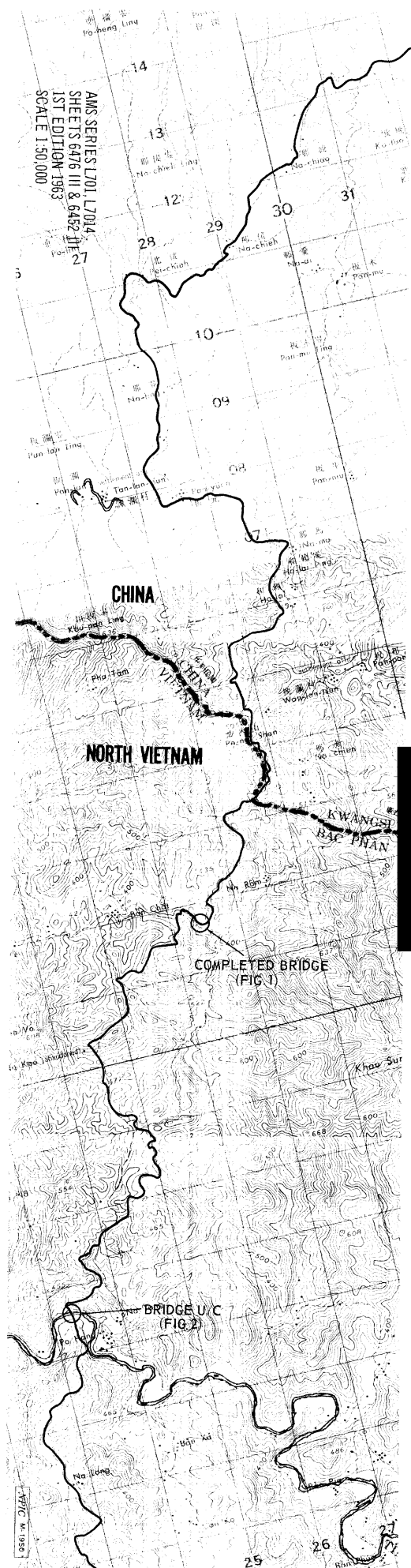


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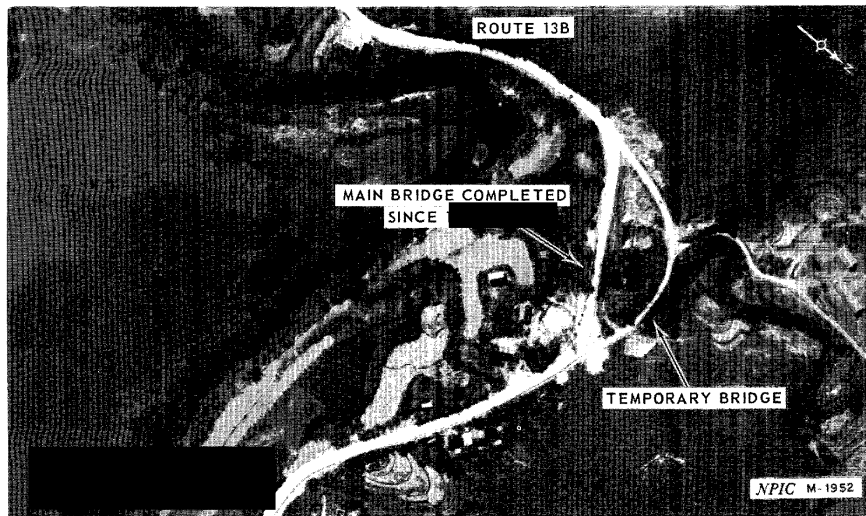


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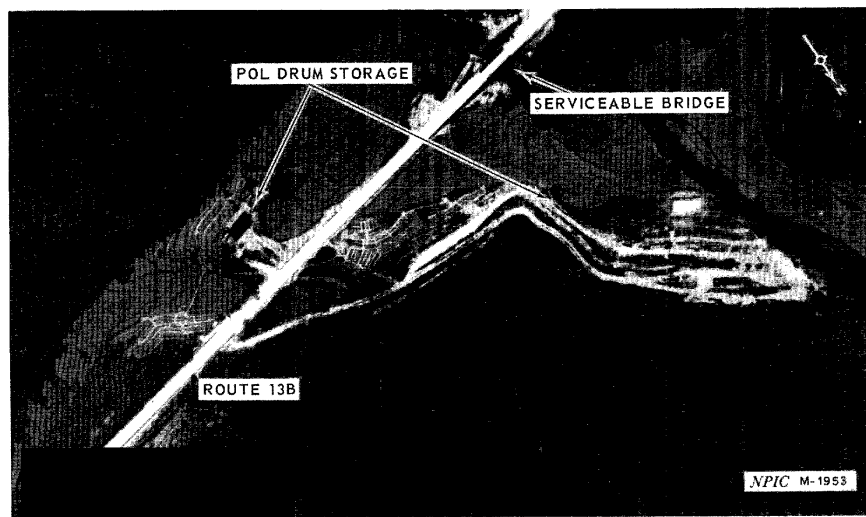


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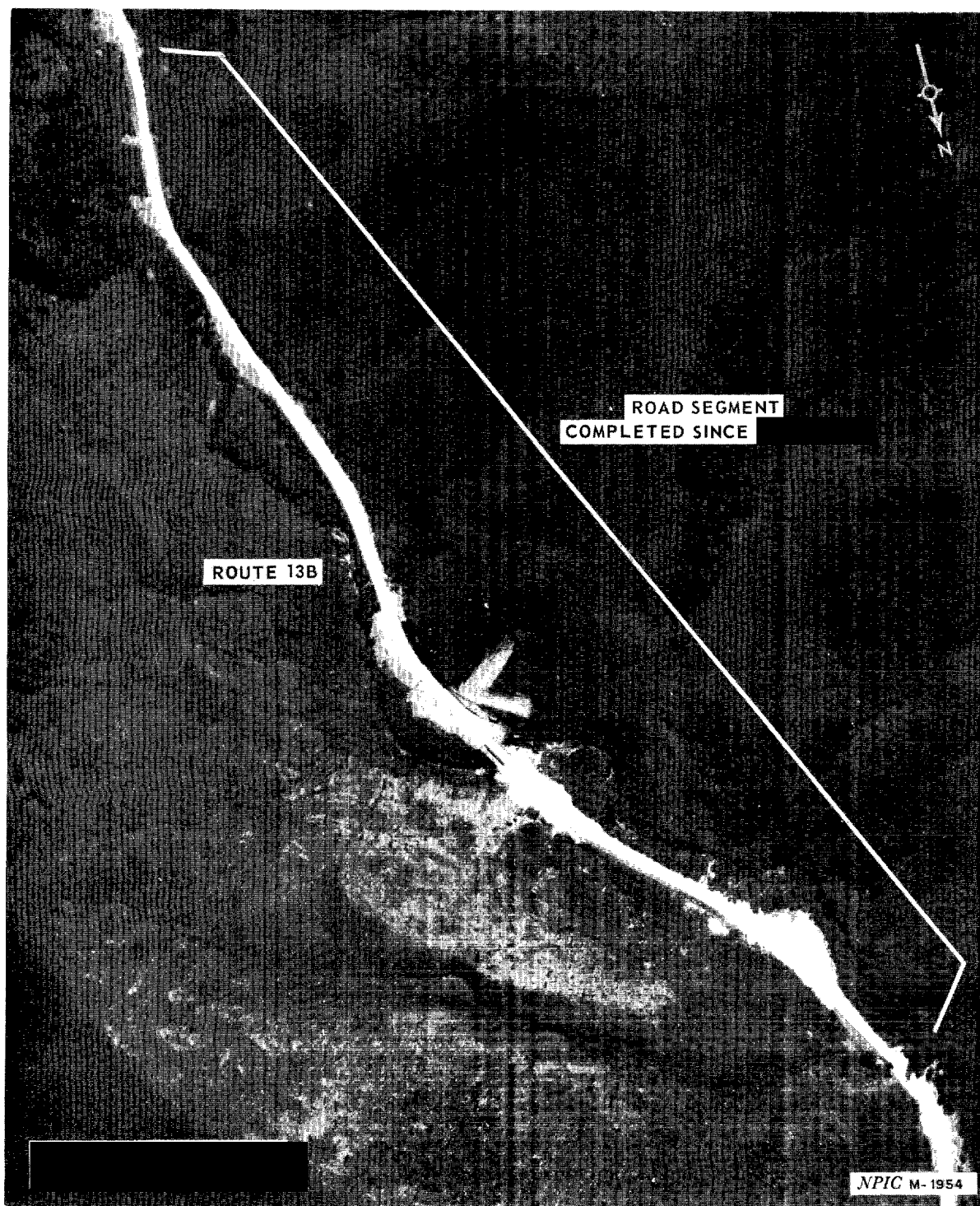


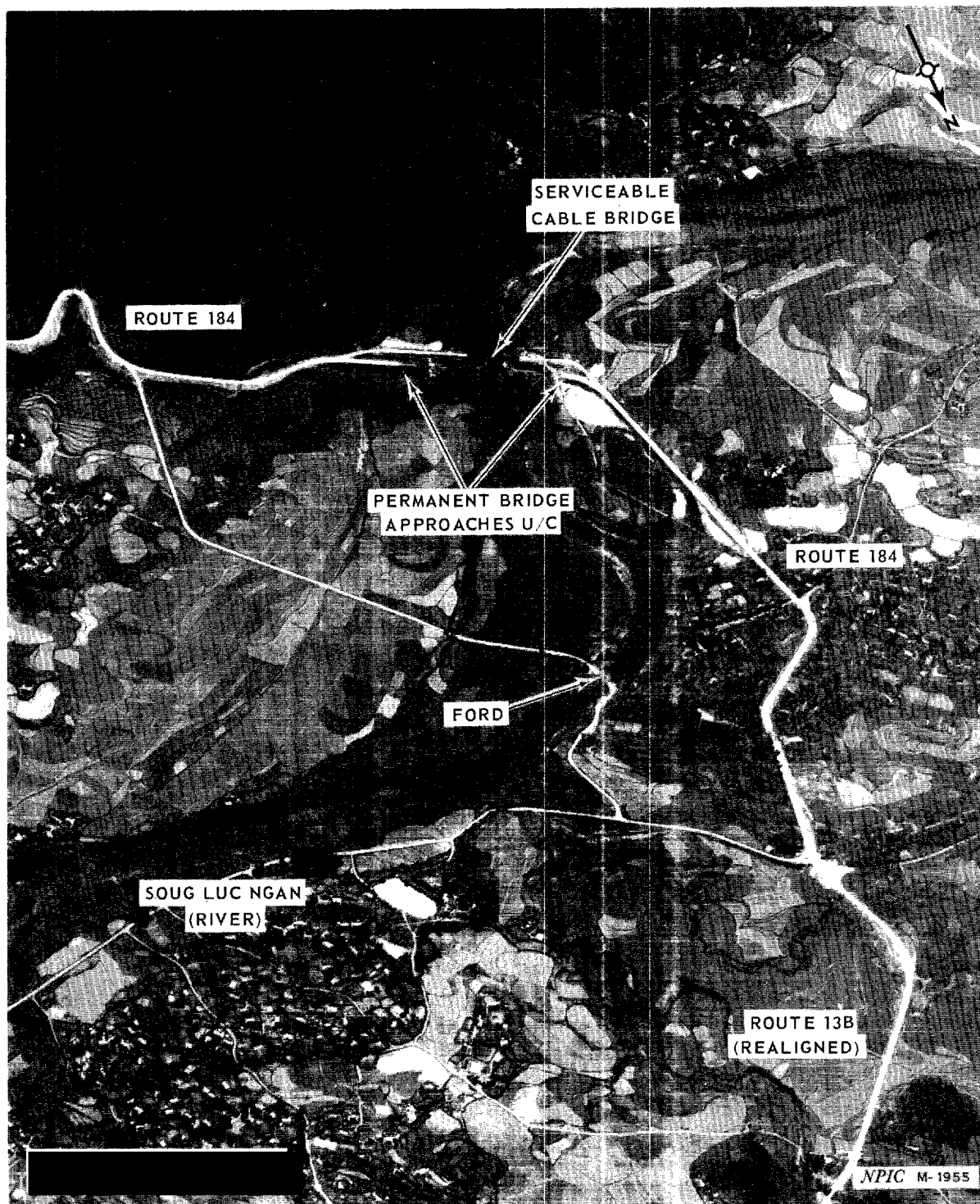
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FIGURE 7. NORTH VIETNAM/CHINA ROAD NETWORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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TEMPORARY RIVER
CROSSINGS (FIG. 7)

ROUTE 184

FIGURE 8

FIGURE 9

CAMOUFLAGED BRIDGE
(FIG. 10)

ROUTE 184

FIGURE 11

ROUTE 183
CONSTRUCTION/
IMPROVEMENT

ROUTE 183

PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION
FACILITIES (FIG. 12)

FIGURE 13

ROUTE 1830

ROUTE 18

ROUTE 1805

COMPLETED BRIDGE

FIGURE 14

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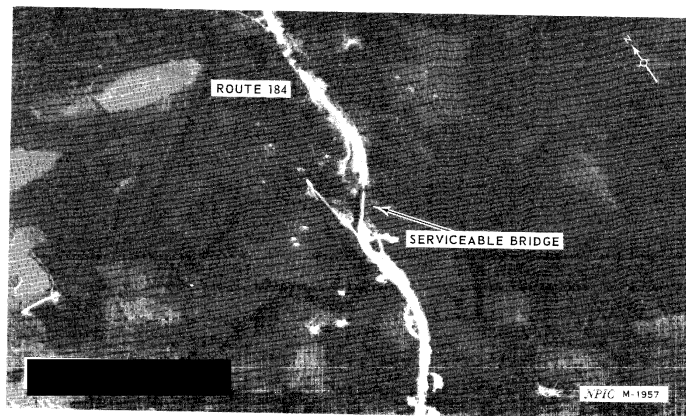


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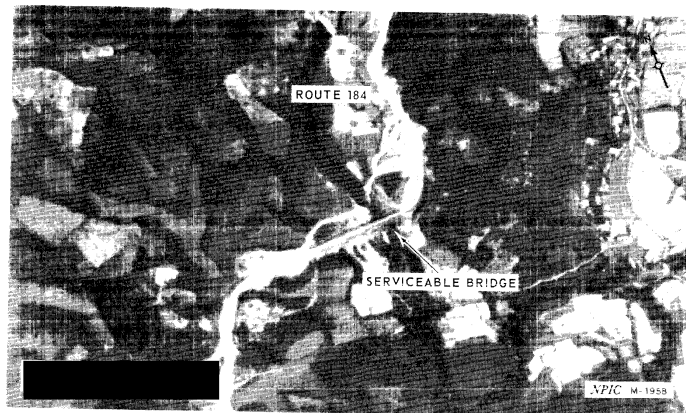


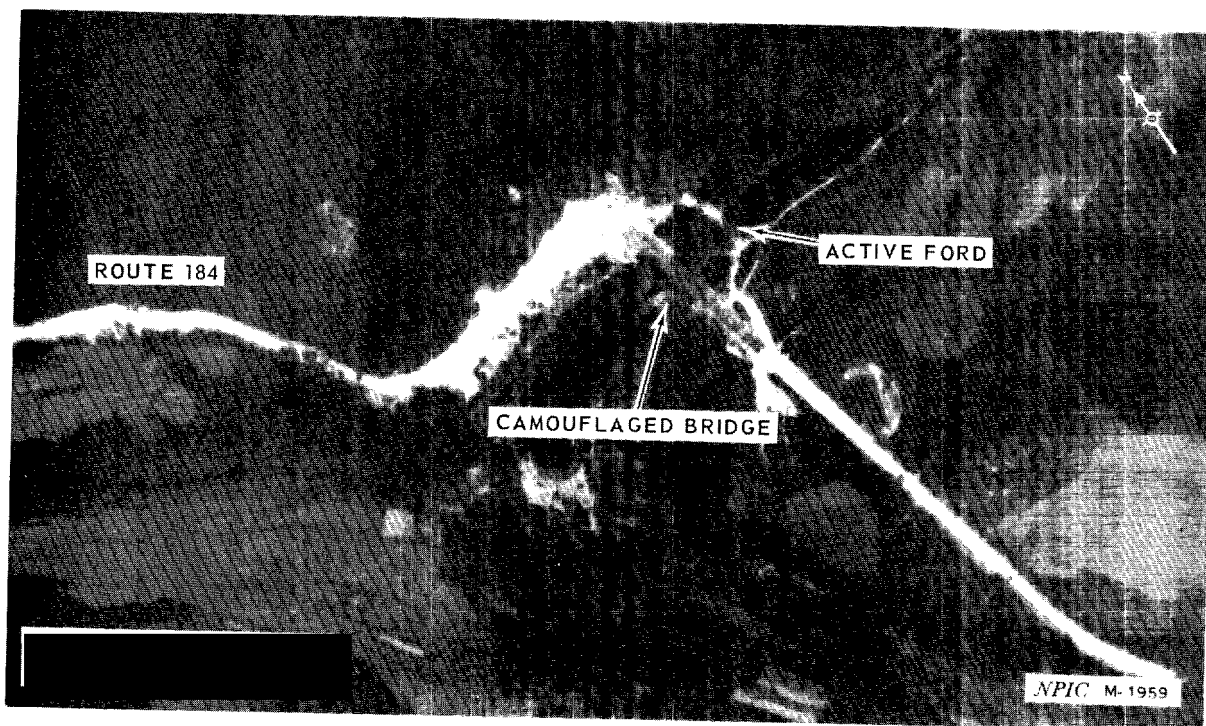
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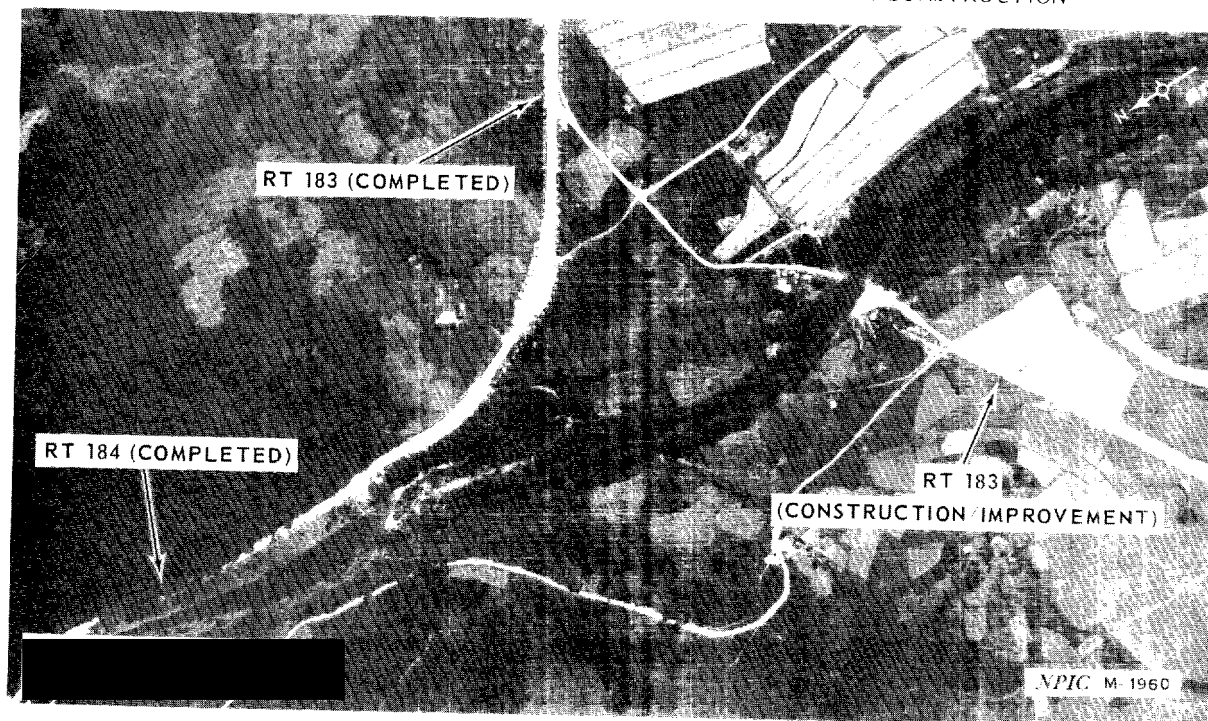
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FIGURE 10. NORTH VIETNAM/CHINA ROAD NETWORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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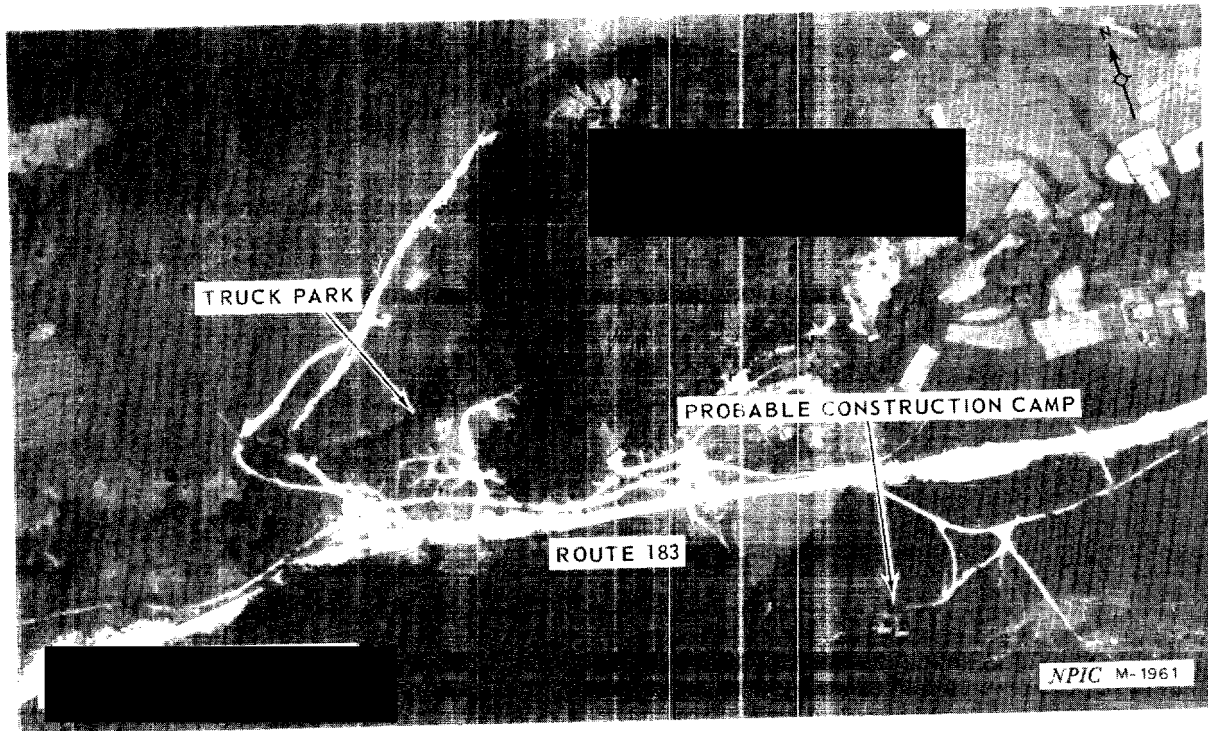


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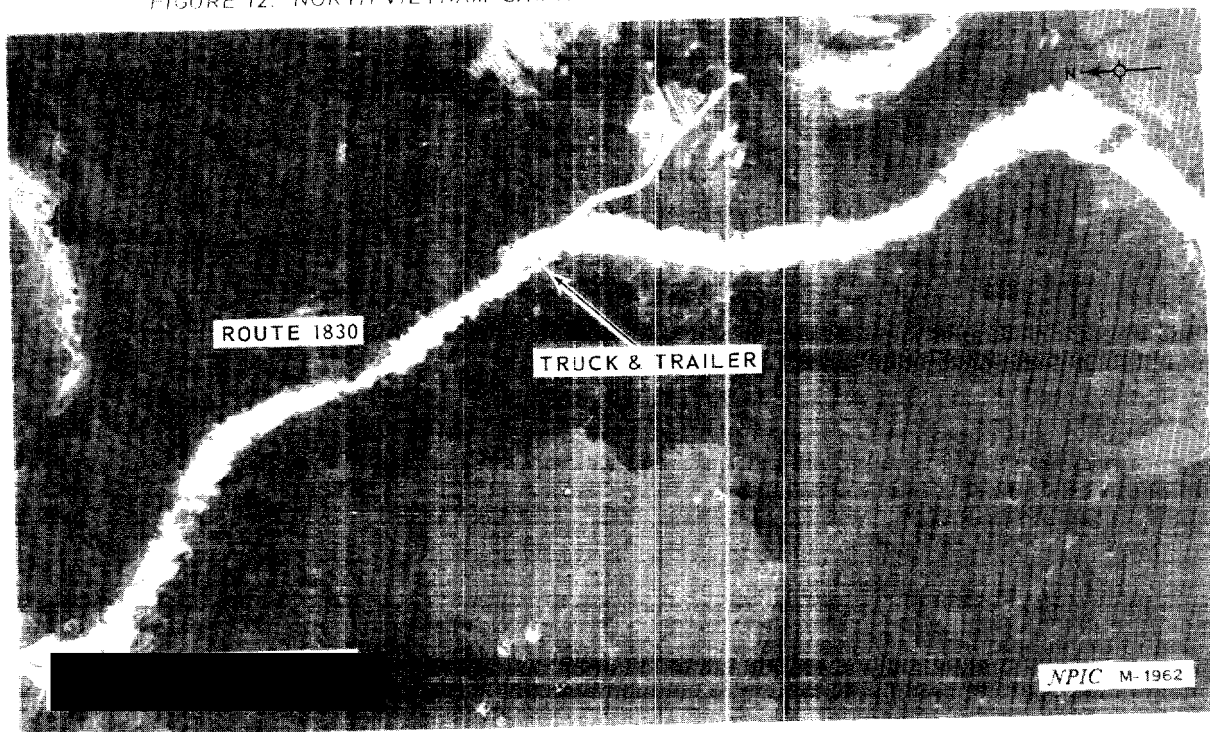
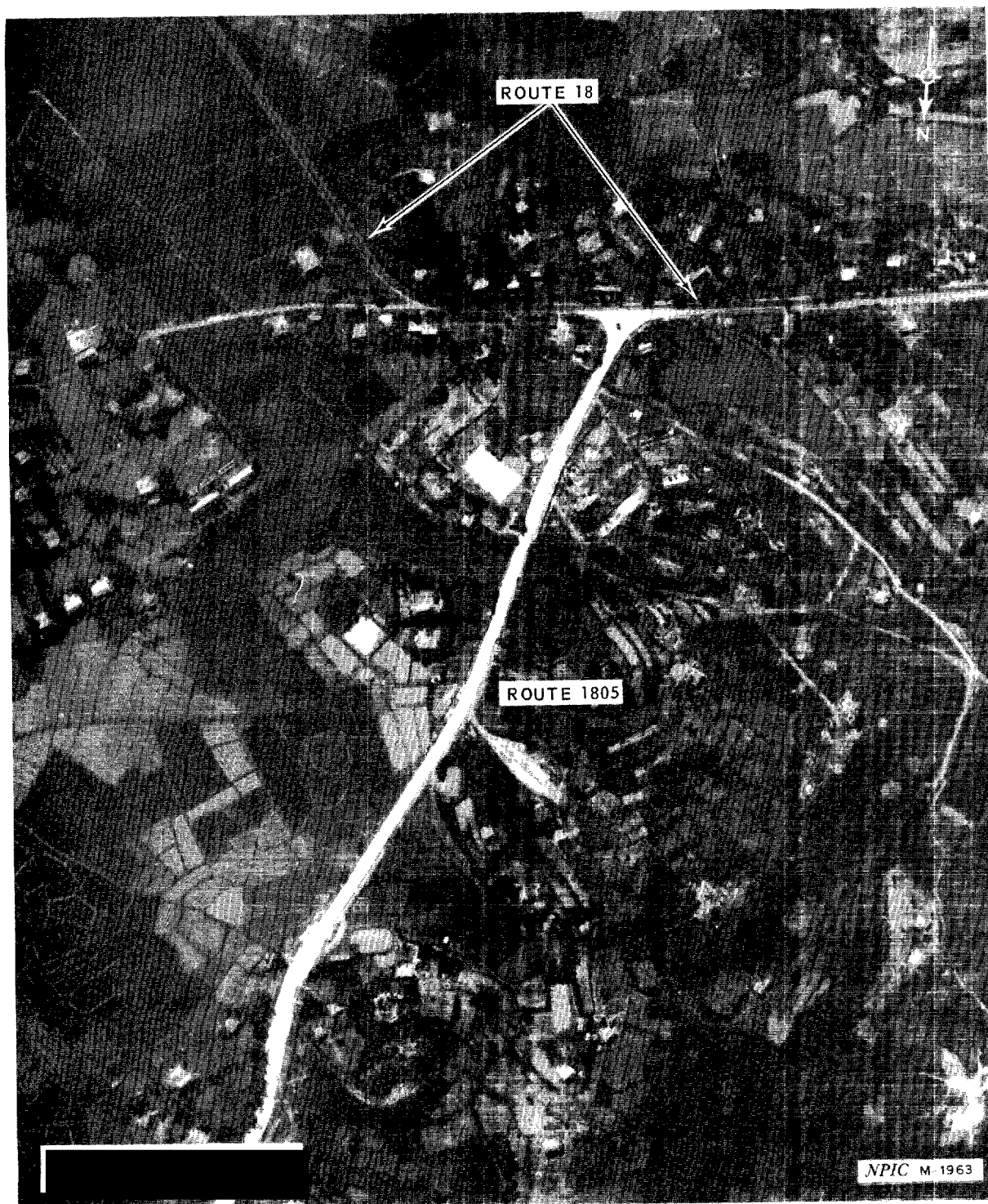


FIGURE 13. NORTH VIETNAM-CHINA ROAD NETWORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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